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Letter dated 27 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Allow me to express through you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of June 2012, to the Security Council, the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe's profound dismay at the allegations levelled against it by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal, Justice Hassan B. Jallow, on 7 June 2012 when he briefed the Council on the work of the Tribunal.

In his statement, Justice Jallow informed the Security Council that the International Criminal Tribunal had information at its disposal that continues to link Potrais Mpiranya with Zimbabwe. Mr. Mpiranya is one of the top three fugitives who have been indicted by the Tribunal in connection with the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

Justice Jallow further said that the tracking of the three fugitives, including Mpiranya, continues to be a challenge for the Tribunal because of lack of cooperation by Zimbabwe and other countries allegedly harbouring the fugitives.

Justice Jallow has been making similar allegations against Zimbabwe since 2010. Zimbabwe fully understands that cooperation with any Tribunal is an international legal obligation for all States Members of the United Nations. Therefore, Zimbabwe wants to put it on record that on two occasions, the Government of Zimbabwe allowed tracking teams from the Tribunal to enter the country to establish whether Mr. Mpiranya was in Zimbabwe. On both occasions, the Government of Zimbabwe offered assistance to the tracking teams. However, the tracking teams could not establish that Mr. Mpiranya was in the country.

We therefore feel that it is mischievous for the Tribunal Prosecutor to continue making false allegations against Zimbabwe when the Tribunal is fully aware that it failed to locate Mr. Mpiranya in Zimbabwe despite given opportunities to enter the country and search for him. It is disheartening and disappointing that the Prosecutor's statement clearly shows his disregard of Zimbabwe's cooperation with the Tribunal.

Further, Zimbabwe treats the allegations as absolutely unfounded, malicious and false. These allegations constitute a vilification of Zimbabwe, and we strongly object to this. Zimbabwe has always been willing to live up to its international obligations, including cooperation with the Tribunal, and therefore takes the

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allegations levelled against it by the Tribunal's Prosecutor very seriously. He must refrain from making any further similar allegations forthwith.

The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe remains ready to cooperate constructively with the Tribunal processes as required and in fulfilment of its international obligations

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) C. **Chipaziwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative